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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Jim Clark of the Bureau of the Budget

1. On 14 March 1966 Jim Clark of the Bureau of the Budget telephoned and was mildly upset about our criticism of Marty Convisser for going directly to the Office of Communications about a problem without first setting up an appointment through PPB. This led to considerable discussion and culminated in a meeting between Dick Helms, Jim Clark, and me on Wednesday, 16 March. Jim Clark felt that BOB analysts are being unduly restrained in their freedom of movement within the Agency and that this apparently represents a change in policy. Dick reaffirmed our desire that all appointments for briefings and meetings be made in a regular manner through PPB. At the same time, he assured Jim that we would make available to the Bureau all the information they desire and that BOB analysts would certainly have an opportunity to talk with any Agency employee at any level. Dick encouraged Jim to try this arrangement for a month or so and to come back and talk with him again if he has any problems.

2. After leaving Dick Helms, Jim Clark and I pursued this matter and got into the area of casual meetings, including social contacts such as lunches, at which business might be discussed. He asked whether we intend to insist that a PPB representative be present at such meetings. I assured him that we do not wish to inhibit casual or social contacts in any way but that there will be a very definite problem if a pattern of such contacts develops which makes it appear that BOB analysts are attempting to by-pass PPB. I also said that, if an analyst gleans some information in any such casual discussions which appears to conflict in any way with the information he has received from PPB, I thought the analyst would be obligated to go to PPB and straighten out the matter.

3. There is no question that the Bureau does not like this new arrangement. At the same time, there is no question that Jim and I understand each other, and I think that with good will on both sides this arrangement can be made to work.

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